

CITY COUNCIL MINUTES

City Council Chambers, 7:00 P. M.
Tuesday, February 27, 1962

Council met in regular session. Present on roll call 7: Cvitanich
Easterday, Murtland, Olson, Porter, Price and Mayor Hanson. Mr
Steele coming in at 7:05 P. M. and Mr. Bott at 7:25 P. M.

Mr. Easterday moved that the minutes of February 14, 1962 be
approved as submitted. Seconded by Mr. Cvitanich. Voice vote taken
Motion carried.

PETITIONS:

Petition submitted by John S. Baker Investment Co. & Lester
Magoon with 75% of the assessed valuation of the property owners re-
questing the annexation to the City of Tacoma, the area in University
Place, So. 19th to 27th Street, known as the Bakerwood Add. etaci, and
the Lester Magoon property southeast and contiguous to the Baker property

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Mayor Hanson explained that after the petition is examined for its
efficiency, etc by the City Council, the proper procedure would be to
refer it to the Planning Commission for study and determination.

It was moved by Mr. Easterday that the petition of John S Baker
investment Co. and Lester Magoon be referred to the Planning Commission.
Seconded by Mr. Cvitanich. Voice vote taken. Motion carried.

RESOLUTIONS:

Resolution No. 16926: (postponed from the meeting of Feb. 6, 1962)

Authorizing the execution of an agreement between the Town of
Fircrest and the Tacoma Public Library for the furnishing of library
services to the citizens of Fircrest upon payment by the Town of Fircrest
to the Library Board of the sum of \$1200. 00.

It was moved by Mrs. Price that the Resolution be adopted.
Seconded by Mr. Steele.

Mayor Hanson explained that Mr. Wm. LeVeque, chairman of the
Library Board and Mr. Joe Ibbotson, Director of the Library, are present
tonight to explain the Resolution.

Mr. LeVeque said this amount of \$1200. 00 was discussed between the
Library Board members and the City Council prior to the negotiations with
the Town of Fircrest. This is the third year for such a contract. The

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first year the negotiations were for \$600.00 a year. In 1961 they negotiated for \$1200.00 and for 1962 for the same amount. He explained that this was the extent of the amount that Fircrest would agree to, and it was recommended to the Council that it be approved. The contract is subject to review each year. The Library Board was not particularly happy over the amount, he added. It was either take \$1200.00 or nothing. According to their figures, the number of users in November 1960 was approximately 635 from Fircrest who will be included under the contract. It is the opinion of the Library Board that this figure be accepted inasmuch as it was in their budget for this year.

Mr. Murtland said, since the Resolution was presented on February 6, 1962, he had checked and found there had been meetings with the City Manager and the Library Board on the matter. He said, it was an oversight on his part that the \$1200.00 set up in the budget for 1962 for this particular item was overlooked. He thought inasmuch as this amount had been negotiated, it should be upheld, but next year when negotiations are held, that something more equitable should be determined and would like to have Mr. LeVeque relay that request to the Library Board. He further stated, because of previous negotiations with the Library Board, he would not raise any objections for the year 1962.

Voice vote was taken on the Resolution.

The Resolution was then declared adopted by the Chairman.

Mr. Steele coming in at this time

Resolution No. 16943:

Fixing Monday, March 26, 1962 at 4:00 P. M. as the date for hearing on L I D 3538 for sanitary sewers from North 17th to North 23rd; Jackson from No. 23rd south 500 feet; No. 23rd St. from Harmon to Fremont Street

It was moved by Mr. Porter that the Resolution be adopted. Seconded by Mrs. Price.

Voice vote was taken on the Resolution.

The Resolution was then declared adopted by the Chairman.

Resolution No. 16944:

Fixing Monday, April 23, 1962, at 4:00 P. M. as the date for hearing on L I D 2338 for grading and oil mat surface on South 8th from Orchard to Shirley Street

It was moved by Mrs. Price that the Resolution be adopted. Seconded by Mr. Steele.

Voice vote was taken on the Resolution.

The Resolution was then declared adopted by the Chairman.

Resolution No. 16945:

BY REQUEST OF PRICE

Recommending to the citizens of Tacoma the passage of proposition "B" of Tacoma School District #10 which provides for a special assessment for Capital Improvements of the Tacoma School District in the amount of \$3,500,000.

It was moved by Mr. Easterday that the Resolution be adopted. Seconded by Mr. Cvitanich.

Voice vote was taken on the Resolution.

The Resolution was then declared adopted by the Chairman.

Resolution No. 16946:

BY REQUEST OF PORTER

Recommending to the citizens of the City that they wholeheartedly support and vote favorably for the passage of said proposition "A" of Tacoma School District #10, which provides for a special assessment for maintenance purposes for the Tacoma School District of \$2,167,500.

It was moved by Mr. Porter that the Resolution be adopted. Seconded by Mrs. Price.

Voice vote was taken on the Resolution.

The Resolution was then declared adopted by the Chairman.

Resolution No. 16947:

Authorizing the proper officers of the City to enter into an agreement with the Disabled American Veterans, Harmony Chapter No. 18 for the operation of the Baseball Parking lot.

It was moved by Mr. Cvitanich that the Resolution be adopted. Seconded by Mr. Easterday.

Mr. Rowlands explained that this is in line with the agreement in effect last year.

Voice vote was taken on the Resolution.

The Resolution was then declared adopted by the Chairman.

Resolution No. 16948:

Authorizing the proper officers of the City to enter into an agreement with the N. P. Railway Co. for the construction of the Yakima Avenue Bridge near Wakefield Drive (U. S. 99).

It was moved by Mr. Steele that the Resolution be adopted. Seconded by Mr. Cvitanich.

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Voice vote was taken on the Resolution.

The Resolution was then declared adopted by the Chairman.

Resolution No 16949:

Authorizing the proper officers of the City to enter into an agreement with the State of Washington to provide for the reimbursement to the City of the difference in construction costs of the present storm drain sewer facilities. Agreement No. GC 1114

It was moved by Mr. Easterday that the Resolution be adopted. Seconded by Mr. Cvitanich.

Voice vote was taken on the Resolution.

The Resolution was then declared adopted by the Chairman.

Resolution No. 16950:

Authorizing the proper officers of the City to execute an agreement with the State of Washington providing for the use of a portion of the City's storm sewer system in the vicinity of East 25th and Portland Ave. and East "Q" and Bay St. upon payment to the City of the sum of \$7,241.00. Agreement No. GC-1115

It was moved by Mr. Steele that the Resolution be adopted. Seconded by Mrs. Price.

Voice vote was taken on the Resolution

The Resolution was then declared adopted by the Chairman.

Mr. Bott coming in at this time.

Resolution No. 16951:

Authorizing the proper officers of the City to execute an agreement with the State of Washington for the construction by the State of separate storm and sanitary sewers for the City's use and for the payment by the City of the additional cost in the vicinity of the Freeway between East "D" St. and the Puyallup River. Agreement No. GC-1116

It was moved by Mrs. Price that the Resolution be adopted. Seconded by Mr. Steele.

Mr. Rowlands explained that this Resolution is somewhat different than the previous Resolutions, in that this is a portion of the program which involves a separation of the storm drain and sanitary sewers. When the work is completed, it permits the existing combination sewer to remain as

a storm drain or as a sanitary sewer. In this instance the State is developing an entirely new storm drain which will cost \$51,000.00. If this were not constructed by the State, the City would have had to do this on its own. Due to other enlargements and replacements that took place, it cost the City \$38,974.89 for sanitary sewers. In working with the State in the last four years, the City has saved the taxpayers of Tacoma approximately \$600,000.00 including another project which will be done in a couple of months. If the City had not worked with the State during their construction of the large drains along the Freeway, it would have been necessary for the City to have constructed separate storm drains which would have been a duplication of effort and also more costly to the taxpayers. For example the area on the south City limits upon the Freeway to South 72nd Street, the City saved \$161,000.00. From So. 72nd to So. 40th, the City saved \$147,000.00. The area between So. 40th to the Lincoln Gulch, which will come up in the next two months, will cost \$290,000.00 making a total of \$598,000.00. Without the work and the coordination carried out by the Public Works and their staff, this would not have been accomplished. Mr. Rowlands added.

Voice vote was taken on the Resolution

The Resolution was then declared adopted by the Chairman.

Resolution No. 16952:

Authorizing the State Auditor to withhold funds which would otherwise be paid to the City from the Motor Vehicle Fund, in the event the City fails to pay under the terms of Agreement GC-1116-R.

It was moved by Mr. Steele that the Resolution be adopted. Seconded by Mrs. Price.

Voice vote taken on the Resolution.

The Resolution was then declared adopted by the Chairman.

Resolution No. 16953:

Authorizing the City of Tacoma to participate in the Century "21" World's Fair by establishing and providing for a World's Fair visitors' center in Tacoma and appropriating \$5,000.00 out of any available funds for such purpose.

It was moved by Mrs. Olson that the Resolution be adopted. Seconded by Mrs. Price

Mrs Olson said she would personally like to commend the Allied Arts for wishing to take the lead in setting up a tourist travel information center which she thought was a much needed project Tacoma will benefit from it greatly, in the coming months, she added

Mr. Steacie explained that in establishing an information center in the old Public Safety Building, is somewhat removed. The Chamber of Commerce for a number of years operated an information center on South Tacoma Way which is more in conjunction with the routes into the City along the usual Highway travel area. It seems highly presumptuous on the part of the Council to presume to do something that the Chamber of Commerce and their publicity and tourist information bureau has been doing in the past. He said, the Resclution states that the \$5,000 or so much as may be necessary be appropriated out of any available funds. He stated if he remembers correctly, Mrs Olson's most recent observation of the status of the budget, the City is \$119,000 in the red and with the expenditure of this \$5,000, the budget will be \$124,000 in the red

Mr. Porter said that the publicity and the Visitor's Committee of the Chamber of Commerce of which he is a member, had a meeting this noon and they are very much interested in such a center, or perhaps, two in the City. The State Dept. of Commerce of Economics & Development is also interested. It seemed to him that it would be wise if Allied Arts, the Publicity and Visitor's Committee and some member of the Council, such as Mrs. Olson who is interested, should co-ordinate their efforts and work together to achieve better results

Mayor Hansen said there have been a good number of activities in anticipation of Century "21" and he was happy to see that Bob Evans, of the Allied Arts who is present, develop the Allied Arts Plan for Tacoma in greater detail. He said he has called a meeting for 4:00 P M on Friday with the representatives of the Chamber of Commerce, who have a Century "21" committee and a convention Bureau representing the Counties, Allied Arts, The Central Association of the Port of Tacoma and also a representative from the Dept. of Commerce for Economic Development, at which time they will have an opportunity to get a clear picture of all of the various plans and to better determine where any funds coming from the City could best be used.

Mayor Hansen asked Mr. Evans if he would like to speak on what they have accomplished to date.

Mr. Evans said that Allied Arts had been working on the idea of doing something for Century "21". They propose to convert the first and second floor of the Allied Arts Bldg. into a tourist and information hospitality center which would house many things, primarily Industrial and Recreational exhibits and facilities for planning of Industrial and local tours. They have had various offers of participation one of which is the proposal to have the Foss Maritime Collection for display. Perhaps, they would use some of the existing Lumber Industry displays and also the Urban Renewal plans for the future. He said they will put a map of the region of Tacoma on one of the walls, using this as a means for the hosts

and hostesses to show our visitors what is available and how to get to various areas. He stated they had an offer to put in a snack bar to be run by a local organization featuring Tacoma products. The camp fire girls will provide baby sitting service for short periods and will provide guides for tours. The Garden Clubs would like to take over one room as a project and it would make an ideal nursery. The City Beautification Committee plan to surround the building with trees, which will be an extension of the Firemen's Park Planning. He said he would like to inform Mr. Steele that the Chamber of Commerce facilities are closed because the freeway by-passes it entirely but it does not by-pass this area. The Chamber of Commerce was the first one to propose this downtown visitors center. They are still with us and interested in this project.

Allan Little, architect for the organization, described what will be done to the building. He said the appearance of the exterior of the building under the proposed \$20,000 remodeling program will feature brightly painted fins of plywood jutting out from each window, which has been donated from the Douglas Fir Plywood Corporation. They also plan to remove the interior walls on the first floor.

Mayor Hanson asked if the City appropriates \$5,000 or whatever may be necessary, would it go toward the renovation of the building.

Mrs. Olson said, legally the Resolution has to state where the money is to be spent. In this particular instance it will go for the expense of information bulletins, maps, supplies, etc. in conjunction with Century "21". She said, in response to Mr. Steele's statement relative to balancing the budget, she was very much concerned in balancing the budget, it is part of the City Council's responsibility. However, she thought as long as the voters of Tacoma saw fit to turn down the proposed salary for members of the City Council and the Mayor, there are some thousands of dollars which will not now be expended this year so there are some available funds which could be utilized for this purpose.

Mr. Murtland said there should be some endeavor made along this line, however, with this meeting coming up on Friday he thought more co-ordination between these different bodies would be forthcoming. It is true that \$5,000 may be necessary, however, it may be that it is going to be duplicated by the other agencies. Mr. Murtland then moved to continue the Resolution for one week until March 6, 1962 so that the meeting can be held on Friday before the adoption of the Resolution. Seconded by Mr. Easterday

Mayor Hanson pointed out that the various organizations are preparing information to give the total picture to the visitors, but after this meeting on Friday it will be determined to what extent the planning has progressed.

Mrs. Price stated that Mr. Little said at the last meeting of the Allied Arts that the deadline would be June 1st for occupancy.

Mr. Forter said that he saw no reason why the Resolution couldn't be passed tonight

Mr. Cvitanich said he would like to see the money spent for the development of the building because they would receive double value of the money spent. It could be identified as a Century "21" expenditure

Mrs. Price said she felt this is the first group that has come up with any concrete suggestions for Century "21" and as long as they are willing to carry the ball, the least the City could do is to go along with them and do what they can to assist

Mayor Hanson asked Mr. Hamilton, Assistant City Attorney, if this Resolution were amended to apply the \$5,000 toward the renovation of the building for Century "21" Reception Center would it come within the law

Mr. Hamilton said that he thought that would be satisfactory

Mrs. Olson moved that the money be used toward renovating the building and preparing the building for the use of the tourists. Seconded by Mrs. Price.

Mr. Murtland said inasmuch as no roll was taken on his motion to postpone the Resolution, he would withdraw it with the consent of his second.

Mr. Evans said that with this \$5,000 they could get started on the building

Mrs. Price said that other organizations are planning fund raising events for Allied Arts to help with the expense

Mr. Cvitanich asked if there was any way that the Traffic Engineer could reroute the traffic from the Freeway onto the Yakima Ave. Bridge, down 13th Street to the Tideflats and N. E. Tacoma so that Tacoma could get part of the traffic going to the Fair through the main part of town

Mayor Hanson said the motion is now before them to amend the Resolution to apply the \$5,000 for the expenditure of renovating the Allied Arts Building. Voice vote taken Motion carried.

Voice vote taken on the Resolution as amended.

The Resolution was then declared adopted by the Chairman

Mr. Cvitanich was excused at this time. Mr. Porter was also excused.

FINAL READING OF ORDINANCES:

Ordinance No. 17000:

Providing for the construction of L I D 5343 for water mains in Cushman Avenue from So. 58th to So. 60th Streets. Read by title and passed.

Roll call was then taken on the Ordinance resulting as follows:

Ayes 7, Nays 0; Absent 2, Cvitanich and Porter.
The Ordinance was then declared passed by the Chairman.

REPORTS:

MC - 385 - City of Tacoma Bonded Indebtedness as of December 31, 1960.

ITEMS FILED IN THE OFFICE OF THE CITY CLERK

- a. Report from the Fire Department for the month of January 1962.
- b. Report from the Director of Finance for the month of January, 1962.

Mr. Easterday left at this time.

COMMENTS:

Mr. Rowlands explained that he received letters regarding L I D 4694 for the Yakima Avenue improvement which was voted down because of the heavy remonstrance. He added, the people felt they were misled and suggested that the petition be re-initiated.

Mr. Steele said, he would suggest that the property owners re-initiate the improvement.

Mayor Hanson asked that Mr. Rowlands reproduce the letters for next week's agenda and contact the property owners to advise them that the improvement should be re-initiated by them.

Mayor Hanson stated the Retirement Board and the Legal Dept are preparing a Resolution adopting the new Retirement System which will be forwarded to the actuaries for finalization and they hoped to have it before the City Council for adoption by the end of next month.

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Mayor Hanson said he had a number of requests for a report on the analysis of the sewer financing.

Mr. Steele said he was concerned about the sewer program and thought the City had a pay-as-you-go basis. He was curious as to what the comparison would be between effective interest rates being paid on the sewer utility revenue bonds and the projected increase in construction costs since the City is proceeding on a pay-as-you-go basis for sewer installation coupled with the sanitary storm sewers separation program, and also how it relates adequately to the urging of this program by the State Pollution Control Commission.

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Mrs Olson asked that the City Manager prepare for next Friday's 1962 agenda recommendations relative to balancing the budget.

Mr. Rowlands said he was still gathering information from the Utilities Dept regarding various service charges for hydrant rental and street lighting etc., and as soon as they meet with the Utility Board on this matter he will submit a report to the City Council.

Mrs. Olson thought if it were desirable to the Council members, they should start meeting as soon as possible to work out means of balancing the budget

Mrs. Price said she would be very happy to attend these meetings, but when these meetings have been held there have been only four or five members attending and she thought that the subject was important enough that every member should attend.

There being no further business to come before the Council, upon motion duly seconded and passed, the meeting adjourned at 8:25 P. M

Ben Harrison
Mayor of the City Council

Attest: Josephine Melton